



# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**2013 – 2014**

**Kerrisdale Centre, Kerrisdale Pool,  
Kerrisdale Arena**

Operated by the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society  
and the Board of Parks & Recreation  
City of Vancouver, British Columbia



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# **KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE SOCIETY**

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## 2013 – 2014

### EXECUTIVE

President	Kathleen Bigsby
Past President	Robert Lockhart
Vice-Presidents	Barb Mikulec, Oscar Bisnar
Secretary	David Eaton
Treasurer	Ali Cheung

### BOARD MEMBERS

Alexander Cherkezoff	
Alison Verghese (resigned Oct. 2014)	
Anita Fashler	
Mary Anne Davies (Seniors' Council Representative)	
Bill Harris	
Colin Booth	
Don Munton	
Donald Wong	
Fred Jay	
Gail Sparrow (resigned May 2014)	
Keiko Honda	
Onno Bakhoven	
Ron Stromberg	
Board Solicitor	Michael Moscovich
Society Accountant	Norman Funk
Society Administrative Assistant	Camille Schroenn (resigned Oct. 2014)
	Alison Verghese (commenced Oct. 2014)

# BOARD COMMITTEES

## 2013 – 2014

### STANDING COMMITTEES (\* denotes Board Member)

#### **ARENA AND POOL COMMITTEE**

Rotating Chairperson

Barb Mikulec\*

David Eaton\*

Robert Lockhart\*

Bill Harris \*

Don Munton\*

Ron Stromberg

Staff Liaisons

Grant Matsuda / Denise Yeh

#### **BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE**

Colin Booth\* (Chair)

Anita Fashler\*

Donald Wong\*

David Eaton\*

Onno Bakhoven\*

Alison Verghese\*

Staff Liaison

Tony Wong

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Keiko Honda\* (Chair)

Colin Booth\*

Alexander Cherkezoff\*

Donald Wong\*

Staff Liaison

Susan Mele/Erik Price

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Ali Cheung\* (Chair)

Fred Jay\*

Barb Mikulec\*

Onno Bakhoven\*

Society Accountant

Norman Funk

Staff Liaison

Lee Tarrant

#### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Keiko Honda\* (Chair)

Barb Mikulec\*

Don Munton\*

Robert Lockhart\*

Fred Jay\* (Chair)

Alexander Cherkezoff \*

Jim Hall

Anita Fashler\*

Staff Liaisons

Kristi Douglas/Erik Price

**YOUTH COMMITTEE** (sub-committee of the Program Committee)

Keiko Honda* (Chair)	Barb Mikulec*
Alison Verghese*	Colin Booth*
Staff Liaisons	Kristi Douglas/Erik Price
Youth Representatives	Andrew Mo/Edward Chao/Alex Lee Hannah Liu/Nicholas Jo

**RENTALS COMMITTEE**

Bill Harris* (Chair)	Onno Bakhoven*
Colin Booth*	
Staff Liaison	Susan Mele

**SENIORS' COUNCIL**

Mary Anne Davies* (Chair)	Ann Monahan
Annette Whitehead	Mary Dopson
Barbara Mumford	Wendy Clark
Susan Bell	Richard Pugh
Jill Ferber	
Board Representatives	Bill Harris*/Alexander Cherkezoff*
Staff Liaisons	Pam Andrews /Jennifer Takai

**AD HOC COMMITTEES** (\*denotes Board Member)

**COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE**

Alison Verghese* (Chair)	Ron Stromberg*
Anita Fashler*	Keiko Honda*
KCG Liaison	Monica Tang

**JOINT OPERATING AGREEMENT COMMITTEE**

Don Munton* (Chair)	Oscar Bisnar *
Fred Jay*	Kathleen Bigsby*
Staff Liaison	Susan Mele

# KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE STAFF

2013 – 2014

Acting Recreation Supervisor	Susan Mele	604-257-8118
Centre Programmer	Kristi Douglas	604-257-8114
Centre Programmer	Jessica Yee	604-257-8116
Seniors' Programmer	Pam Andrews/ Jennifer Takai	604-257-8111
Acting Pool Programmer	Denise Yeh	604-257-8107
Arena Programmer	Grant Matsuda	604-257-8102
Office Manager	Lee Tarrant	604-257-8103
Program Assistant	Erik Price	604-257-8116
Maintenance Technician	Tony Wong	604-257-8125

Office Staff  
Krista Adams, Katie Bolt, Emily Chang, Amy Cheung,  
Tim Coady, Kim Farrell, Dorothea Gruenberg, Pam Healey,  
Christine Iannetta, Natalie Leather, Nasreen Malik, Shelley  
MacDonald, Laura MacKay, Terry Muir, Diane Paulin, Colleen  
Proudfoot, Colleen Schaufele, Azarm Shahpoori-Broojerdi

Swim Instructor Attendant  
Serena Rai, Lauren Schubert

Building Supervisors  
Aidan Lee, Stewart Campbell, Arthur Quan, Randy Chan,  
Aman Jhutti, Eric Mah, Paul Talbot, Sean Walker

Building Service Workers  
Jaspal Gill, Helen King, Charles King, Clayton Myketiak,  
Mark Serediak, Myrna Bauda

# **70TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

of the  
**KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE SOCIETY**  
**Kerrisdale Community Centre – 5851 West Boulevard, Vancouver**  
**Wednesday, February 19, 2014 - 7:30 p.m.**

## **MINUTES**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, Robert Lockhart, President, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. The Annual Report and Financial Statements were distributed to all in attendance. Robert Lockhart welcomed members to the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS).

### **2. NOTICE OF MEETING**

Robert Lockhart read the notice of the Annual General Meeting on behalf David Eaton, Secretary.

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Fred, and seconded, that the agenda be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

### **4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 69TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2013**

MOVED by Doug Rickson, and seconded, that the minutes of the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of February 19, 2013 be approved as presented. CARRIED

### **5. PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Robert Lockhart read the President's Report from the 2012 – 2013 Annual Report.

### **6. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 2013.**

Aaron Law reported on the audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2013.

### **7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2013.**

MOVED by Aaron Law, and seconded, to appoint Sidhu, Straker & Associates, Certified General Accountants, as the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society's auditors for the fiscal year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 and that the directors be authorized to approve the auditor's remuneration. CARRIED.

### **8. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Colin Booth thanked Camille Schroenn for her assistance to the Nominating Committee. There are 15 people on the ballot (including 7 incumbents). Nine persons will be elected for a two year period and 2 people for a one year period. Colin called for nominations from the floor 3 times.

David Roomy requested that each person state how they stand on the independence of the community centre in the Park Board conflict.

Names on the ballot:

Alexander Cherkezoff	Ali Cheung
Anita Fashler	Bill Harris
Cono Spitale	David Eaton
Don Munton	Donald Wong
Fred Jay	Gail Sparrow
Judith JAC	Kathleen Bigsby
Keiko Honda	Sid Harrison
Samuel Yau	

Each candidate spoke to his or her background and experience. Mr. Spitale and Ms. JAC were not present or represented at the meeting.

**9. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The vote to elect directors took place. Jessica, Lee and Kristi collected the ballots.

The meeting recessed at 8:28 p.m. to allow for the votes to be counted. Kristi and Jessica counted the ballots with Colin Booth and Barb Mikulec as scrutineers.

At 8:53 p.m. the meeting resumed.

Following the vote count Colin announced the following individuals as elected:

Two-year Term:

Alexander Cherkezoff	Bill Harris
David Eaton	Don Munton
Donald Wong	Fred Jay
Gail Sparrow	Kathleen Bigsby
Keiko Honda	

One-year Term

Ali Cheung	Anita Fashler
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MOVED by Fred, and seconded, that the ballots be destroyed. CARRIED.

Robert congratulated all those elected. Robert invited those who were not elected to contact a board director or Camille Schroenn if they wish to volunteer their time to serve on a committee.

**10. SWEARING IN OF NEW DIRECTORS**

Judge Mike Hicks swore in the newly elected Directors. Susan Mele took the official photograph.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

**11.1. UPDATE ON CURRENT ISSUES**

Don gave an overview of the legal process and outcomes to date. This summary was also included as an addendum in the Annual Report (pg. 46). We still have an impending law suit against the Park Board but do not expect this to be heard in the near future.



Questions were taken from the floor.

Robert thanked Don for the update.

Robert advised members that the KCCS Board has passed a motion allowing for reciprocal memberships. This means that anyone who has a valid membership with another community centre may use our facilities and enrol in our programs. It is likely that this policy will be implemented at other G6 community centres.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Fred, and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

**Recorded by Camille Schroenn**

# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014**

The past year has been a good one for the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society. Throughout our ongoing struggle to achieve a satisfactory agreement with the Park Board, we have successfully encouraged meaningful community input into the Centres operations, plus provided great programs and services for our patrons. As a result of everyone's hard work, Vancouver Courier's 'Stars of Vancouver' readers' poll, has voted Kerrisdale Community Centre the Best Community Centre in Vancouver! This is the first time that we have won this prestigious award -- a tremendous achievement!

Through the Program Committee your Society has effectively managed the programs and services at our community centre for over 60 years. This has allowed Kerrisdale centre to address the unique and evolving needs of our residents. In 2014, many new programs were introduced: Art Play, Zumba Toning, Fifty Up, Party with Elsa, Parent & Tot Story & Craft Time, Pro-D-Day camps, Math Masters, Reading & Writing Adventures, Game Ready, Healthy Indian cooking, Creativity for Women, and Fifty Up. Several new workshops were offered. The "Living Room" for watching the Sochi 2014 Winter Games in February and the Youth Volunteer Fair & Open House in September attracted many. Summer day camps were very successful and were augmented by "strike camps" in June and September to accommodate children who couldn't go to school. The marvellous summer weather made Maple Grove Pool a popular spot and, somewhat surprisingly, the Play Palace admissions also increased. Seniors' programming and lunch program continued to serve many. KCC's fitness facilities, one of the best equipped fitness facilities in the community centre system, with the lowest price, remains very popular averaging approximately 250 users each day. In mid-fall we hosted two all-candidates meetings at Kerrisdale Community Centre to allow our community to learn more about the candidates and their positions. Last year the Centre attracted over 1.6 million visitors.

Your Board of Directors has noticed a shift in program registrations; pre-school program registrations have been affected by the introduction of full-day kindergarten, and other programs appear to be influenced by changing community demographics. More study is being done to guide the Program Committee in its choice of new and continuing programs for the coming year.

Our long-time programmer, Susan Mele, was formally appointed Centre Recreation Supervisor early in the summer. While Susan was seconded to other centres in the fall, Kristi Douglas ably managed the Centre. Colleen Proudfoot retired in the spring after 20 years working at the front desk. Jessica Yee took the opportunity to work with the Civic elections office for several months, and has now moved to Creekside Community Centre: her position continues to be filled by Erik Price. We have recently learned of some staff changes coming early in 2015: Pam Andrews, Seniors Programmer will be retiring in March and Kristi Douglas, Centre Programmer, will be moving to the Roundhouse Community Centre. KCC will greatly miss them all.

This year two nonagenarians shared Kerrisdale Community Centre's 2014 Volunteer of the Year award. Mary Dopson, a long time athlete, has been a volunteer at the Kerrisdale Seniors Centre since 1980, and Bernie Percy has lived in Kerrisdale since the early 1970s and been an active volunteer at the Seniors Centre for many years.

The Kerrisdale Community Garden continues to flourish; luckily, although it backs on the tracks, it was spared from the CPR's devastating clearing of its right of way in the summer.

As part of a voter awareness initiative to encourage greater voter turnout, many Centre volunteers distributed voter information cards to households in the Kerrisdale area in fall 2014. Voter participation in the 2014 civic election was 43.4%, almost 9 percentage points higher than in the 2011 election.

This community has a long tradition of residents working to provide its recreation facilities. We all owe much gratitude to those community-minded people who formed the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society in 1943 and then fundraised and lobbied for a local area referendum to build a community centre in Kerrisdale. Largely financed by local donations, the Kerrisdale Arena was completed in 1949, and in 1956 the Kerrisdale pool was built with local area support. Some 30 years ago community lobbying led to federal funding to build one of Vancouver's first seniors' centres, providing member directed social and recreational activities for seniors. In 1995 membership input prompted creation of the fitness room funded by the Society. Over a million dollars was raised in this community to finance the extensive renovations to the Centre in 1999. This tradition needs recognition and support from the City if the community is to continue to fundraise so our community can enjoy the recreation facilities and services it needs in the years to come.

KCCS membership fees and the program charges cover the costs of delivering programs and services, improving facilities, and renewing equipment and furniture within our Centre. The Kerrisdale Community Centre Society is able to provide a high level of service and to cover over 70% of the operating costs of the community centre. Because the KCCS pays for most of the staff needed to operate our centre, Kerrisdale Community Centre stays open evenings, weekends and holidays while other community centres have been forced by Park Board budget cuts to reduce their operating hours. Our current financial model and prudent fiscal management have served us well for many years resulting in our healthy financial position.

The Board of Directors continues to prepare for the hearing of our complaints about Park Board violations of the Joint Operating Agreement anticipated in late 2016 or early 2017 in the BC Supreme Court. Our Society, along with five others, was granted an injunction in January 2014 requiring that operating conditions remain as they were and prohibiting the Park Board from terminating the existing Joint Operating Agreement until the full lawsuit is heard. Had the injunction not been granted, the Park Board would have effectively taken over programming and revenue at Kerrisdale. The City of Vancouver has advised us that it has applied to the Court for a re-interpretation of the conditions of renewal of the Agreement. At the time of writing we do not know the outcome of this application. As six of the seven Park Board Commissioners elected in November 2014 campaigned on a platform of improving relations with community centres, stopping law suits, and re-starting a negotiation process, we are hopeful that relations will become less adversarial.

Currently membership in your community centre society gives you the right to have a voice in operational decisions at the community centre and in the Society's policy decisions. Local community input expressed through an elected volunteer board is best able to make decisions that serve our community, responsibly manage Centre facilities, provide programs and services for our community, and ensure the financial ability to deliver them. Last year we had 12,715 members.

Kerrisdale Community Centre has been fortunate this past year to have the services of a talented and dedicated group of people on the Board and on Board committees. I am particularly grateful for the hard work and support of the Executive.

The Society's complete annual report to the Membership will be available on the Society's website after the Annual General Meeting, February 18.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Bigsby, President, Kerrisdale Community Centre Society



**2014 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:**  
Barb Mikulec, Chair of the Volunteer Committee presented Bernie Percy and Mary Dopson with their awards – 11 December 2014



**2014 CIVIC ELECTIONS:** All Candidates Meeting, KCC Auditorium – 27 October 2014

# ARENA AND POOL COMMITTEE REPORT

## 2013 – 2014

<b>Committee Members:</b>	Barb Mikulec	Bill Harris
	Robert Lockhart	Ron Stromberg
	David Eaton	Don Munton
<b>Staff Liaisons:</b>	Denise Yeh	Paul Biln,
	Grant Matsuda	Kristi Douglas

The Kerrisdale Pool and Arena Committee is a committee appointed by and reporting to the Board of Directors of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS).

### The committee objectives are:

- To review marketing including the improved use of social media to advertise activities in both pool and arena.
- To work with staff to build a strong relationship of support for the programming
- To complete the review of Play Palace activities and revenues begun in 2013

**Maple Grove Pool** had a successful summer at the outdoor pool. This pool was open from June 21-September 1. With many sunny days last summer, the pool was busy with about 4300 preschool, 16,000 school-aged and 13,000 adult visits to Maple Grove Pool. The special event 'Maple Grove Day' had about 1500 attendees, with a jazz band and fun activities. The free events 'Music in the Park' were held on Fridays in July and average attendance was 75 persons.

Noteworthy news at Maple Grove Pool includes an 'inclement weather policy' which saves money when staff is not needed on rainy days. If the weather is cloudy the pool is open, if it is rainy, the pool is closed, however if the weather improves, the pool opens for the afternoon. This policy was communicated to the public, and updated on twitter. Another new policy is wrist bands are provided for children aged over 8 years, which allows the lifeguards to know that they are able to be further than 'arms reach of a parent' while in the Maple Grove Pool.

**Kerrisdale Pool** registration and lessons proceeded smoothly this year. The annual maintenance shutdown of the pool lasted for three weeks this year, preceded by an end of season 'tea party' on the pool deck, which the patrons enjoyed. A spring fling held in May attracted about 20 youth. In-service training was held for staff to teach correct procedures and safety updates.

**The Play Palace** had 18 weeks of staffing beginning on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Since the Home and Garden Show was relocated at Kitsilano Arena, the Kerrisdale Play Palace was uninterrupted for its season, and there was less disruption of taking down the equipment and then setting it up again after the Home and Garden Show. There was discussion about the ratio of Park Board sharing of revenue with the KCCS this year.

All staff follow the protocols of Occupational and Health Standards with daily safety checks of equipment and walk through to ensure equipment is used safely. Staff also plan the programming for many birthday parties. There was one accident at the Play Palace with a child needing stitches on his forehead, this inflatable has been tethered and more mats are in place.

**Kerrisdale Arena** includes a series of 10 scheduled lessons in the fall term and 10 in the spring season in 2013 and in 2014 there will be 3 registrations of 8 lessons for 24 weeks of skating. A Christmas holiday skate sponsored by the KBA was held. Public skating was held on Christmas Day in the afternoon.

**Capital Plan 2015-18.** David prepared documents for both the Kerrisdale Arena and Kerrisdale Pool, which were submitted to the Parks Board in May 2014. Copies are available from the KCCS office.

Thanks to each of the programmers for their efforts to provide a healthy venue for lessons, rentals and leisure activities at the Pools and Arena. Many seasonal special events were arranged and enjoyed by KCC patrons.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Mikulec

January 2015

# BUILDING & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## 2013 – 2014

**Committee Members:** Colin Booth (Chair) Anita Fashler  
David Eaton Alison Verghese  
Donald Wong

**Staff Liaison:** Tony Wong

Our committee tackled five issues this year:

- The seismic assessment of the KCC gymnasium was undertaken by CWMM Consulting Engineers, George Strazicich, PEng. This report analyzed the existing structure in the gym and it was determined that due to weaknesses and gaps in the load paths, the building is expected to suffer severe damage during a moderate earthquake. The risk of collapse is considered high during a less than code level earthquake and the possibility of significant damage to adjacent buildings and risk to occupants should also be expected. This report in, it's entirety, was sent through to the Emergency Planning Coordinator at the Vancouver Emergency Planning Centre in November, and to date there has been no response.
- A new replacement roof was installed over the Seniors Centre in the summer, eliminating the small leaking issues.
- The elevator was shut down for a number of days this fall, due to a malfunction in the electronics. This elevator is original to the building and over sixty years old, thus electronics, specifically the motherboard, have been difficult to repair. It has been pointed out that the next time this happens, it is likely that a new elevator may be required.
- Part of the responsibility of the Society is to keep the commercial kitchen operational in the Seniors Centre. This year the Society had to replace the convection oven at cost of about \$4,000.
- This year the Centre attempted and made a formal application to be included in the City-wide 5 year plan. The Centre, specifically the aging pool structure with leaking roof, the gymnasium and the Kerrisdale, Cyclone Taylor Arena are all in dire need of extensive renovation or replacement. Unfortunately, no specific funds have been allocated to any of these facilities for the next five years.

Our goal over the coming year is to continue to work towards getting Park Board response to our needs, specifically relating but not exclusively to the gym, pool and rink.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Eaton

January 2015

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

## 2013 – 2014

<b>Committee Members:</b>	Keiko Honda (Chair) Colin Booth	Alexander Cherkezoff Donald Wong
<b>Staff Liaisons:</b>	Susan Mele	Erik Price

The Kerrisdale Community Engagement Committee (CEC) is a committee appointed by and reporting to the Board of Directors of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS).

The CEC began in May 2011 and its task in 2013 was 2-fold:

- 1) To continue developing web-based communication tools to identify and engage groups/individuals who may impact the development of art & culture, recreation, and healthy living development in the community;
- 2) To continue developing periodic face-to-face community dialogue on issues of public interest/concern and invite public participation.

Since January 2012, the CEC, in conjunction with UBC Faculty of Art Interns, other community volunteers and KCC liaison staff, has developed and produced the monthly e-magazine, The Kerrisdale Playbook ([www.kccplaybook.org](http://www.kccplaybook.org)). Since the initial launch, all 29 issues of The Kerrisdale Playbook featured inspiring local individuals of different cultural backgrounds and disciplines sharing their passion and interests or common ground. The e-magazine has been well received by the Kerrisdale community and accessed by approximately 2600 hits monthly on average.

In September, Kerrisdale Playbook was nominated for "**Best Online Magazine 2014**" by Western Magazine Awards, after giving birth 2.5 years ago.

Other noteworthy community connections from 2014 include hosting Vancouver School Board Settlement Workers in School (VSB SWISS) Youth Art Exhibit in May as well as Greenest City/Vancouver Foundation Neighbourhood Small Grants project in the Fall.

The CEC continues to connect with the University of British Columbia (UBC) to support its Health Mentor program and hire a student intern from the Faculty of Arts to help with writing and editing of the Kerrisdale Playbook.

Respectfully submitted,  
Keiko Honda, Chair

January 2015



# PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

## 2013 – 2014

<b>Committee Members:</b>	Fred Jay (Co-Chair)	Keiko Honda (Co-Chair)
	Alexander Cherkezoff	Anita Fashker
	Barb Mikulec	Don Munton
	Robert Lockhart	Jim Hall
<b>Staff Liaison:</b>	Kristi Douglas	Erik Price

The Kerrisdale Program Committee is a committee appointed by and reporting to the Board of Directors of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS).

The Program Committee goals in 2013-14 were 2-fold:

- 1) to develop and maintain comprehensive and diverse art, cultural, and recreational programs and special events to serve the community;
- 2) to create innovative programs, approaches, and services that maintain financial stability while serving all members of our community.

The Program Committee met monthly. The board members and staff worked collaboratively to guide programs and events, and to ensure programs and their instructors were meeting the requirements of the Society's membership. We also monitored programs of highest and lowest registration, and conducted patron surveys at Maple Grove Pool and at Kerrisdale Community Centre. The committee and staff sought user comments on programs, facilities and instructors.

The committee's specific accomplishments and initiatives during 2013-14 include:

- established a Youth Committee
- inaugurated an interactive online KCC program brochure
- continued the Crossroad Café Series for community engagement
- held a Chinese New Year Celebration (February 2014)
- organized day camps in May, June and September 2014, in response to BC teachers' strike
- again held highly successful Summer Day Camps
- held a family Zumba event for Health Day in May
- continued a dialogue with Musqueam Band leaders
- purchased new machines for Exercise room
- purchased new pottery kilns
- overhauled pottery room (including the hiring of a pottery technician)
- KCC was voted a "Star Community Centre" of Vancouver by *Vancouver Courier* readers

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred Jay & Keiko Honda, Co-Chairs

January 2015

# YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

(A Sub-Committee of the Program Committee)

**2013 – 2014**

<b>Active Members:</b>	Keiko Honda	Barb Mikulec	
	Colin Booth	Alison Verghese	
<b>Staff Liaisons:</b>	Kristi Douglas	Erik Price	
<b>Youth Representatives:</b>	Andrew Mo	Edward Chao	Alex Lee
	Hannah Liu	Nicholas Jo	

The KCC Youth Committee is a sub-committee of the program committee that meets on an ad hoc basis. Goals for this year were 2-fold:

1. the forming of the committee, made up of five talented youths from local secondary schools: Magee, Point Grey, Prince of Wales, St George and Vancouver College. These youth represent different age groups (grades 9 to 12), interests and the diverse needs of their generation.
2. discussion around ideas of youth programs and events that could be incorporated at the community centre.

Discussions took place around the summer youth adventure camp, special events, youth social events, open gym, volunteering and skill development programs.

Volunteering was identified as a need of youth in the area. The major recommendation and implementation of this year was the Kerrisdale Youth Volunteer Fair and Open House, which took place in September of 2014. Agencies and organizations looking to recruit volunteers were invited and we had a total of 14 groups attend. We also had demos of events including hip-hop, crafts, pottery and a games room tournament.



Find Us On Facebook: "Kerrisdale CC Youth Committee"

Respectfully submitted,  
Keiko Honda, Chair

January 2015

# RENTALS COMMITTEE

2013 – 2014

**Committee Members:**

Bill Harris (Chair)  
Onno Bakhoven

Colin Booth

**Staff Liaison:**

Susan Mele

In order to keep our rates in line with the market it was decided in September 2014, to increase rental rates by 5% as from January 2015.

Rental revenue for the year ended August 31, 2014 amounted to about \$35,000 being 15% higher than last year's revenue.

To promote the availability of rooms for rent in our centre our Arts and Recreation Guide for Winter 2015 contains a page showing rental rates and conditions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Onno Bakhoven

January 2015

# SENIORS' COUNCIL REPORT

## 2013 – 2014

<b>Active Members:</b>	Mary Anne Davies (Chair) Susan Bell Annette Whitehead Wendy Clark Richard Pugh	Anne Monahan Barbara Mumford Mary Dopson Jill Ferber
<b>Board Reps:</b>	Bill Harris	Alex Cherkezoff
<b>Staff Liaison:</b>	Jennifer Takai	Pam Andrews

The Kerrisdale Senior Council is a committee of 9 members voted in for a 2 year term by Senior members of the Kerrisdale Community Centre and reporting to the Board of Directors of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS).

The Senior Council's tasks in 2013 and 2014 were 2-fold:

- 1) Create a friendly environment where Seniors can socialize with other seniors.
- 2) Create programs to allow Seniors to be more active both physically and mentally

In 2014 a program was created to allow new senior members to be given a tour of the Community Centre showing what is available to them.

The lunches and coffee bar continue to be a good source for socializing, The 'Mind Matters' weekly sessions help seniors to stay mentally alert and the senior exercise programs are always well attended.

A puzzle table is now available to allow for socializing.

Barbara Mumford has computerized the monthly Monarch. It is now printed on site, eliminating wasted paper.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Davies, Chair

January 2015

# COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE REPORT

## 2013 – 2014

**Active Members:** Alison Verghese (Chair) Anita Fashler (A/Chair)  
Keiko Honda Ron Stromberg

**KCG Liaison:** Monica Tang

The Kerrisdale Community Garden Committee is a group appointed by and reporting to the Board of Directors for the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society. It is an ad hoc committee that was created to provide support and publicity to the Kerrisdale Community Garden (KCG).

This committee had two major goals for 2013-2014, namely:

1. to support a KCG summer camp and
2. to establish a herb garden on the ground of the Kerrisdale Community Centre (KCC).

Progress was made on both goals.

The KCG summer camp took place on August 18, 2014 despite an ongoing dispute between Canadian Pacific Railway and the City of Vancouver. The garden tour was expertly developed, coordinated and presented by master gardeners Linda Collins and Hazel Choy. The participants were junior day campers from the KCC Summer Safari camps. Two groups of 30 children accompanied by seven to eight community centre staff as well as volunteers were given an extraordinary show and tell presentation of "seed to crop" and "worm farming". The event was extremely successful.



The herb garden project was studied and evaluated by the committee with a final decision that the project should be taken over the KCC Senior's Council. Upon further analysis, they have decided that the project was not viable.

The Community Garden Committee, currently remaining in ad hoc status, has recommended that it become a permanent committee so that it can explore further projects to develop interest and expertise for grading within the Kerrisdale community. In addition, it will continue to provide support and input for the KCG for as long as it is required.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Verghese & Anita Fashler

January 2015

# **JOINT OPERATING AGREEMENT (JOA) COMMITTEE REPORT 2013 – 2014**

The struggle between Vancouver's community centres and the Park Board that began in 2012 (reported on at the last two Annual General Meetings) continued through 2013-2014. The Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS) and the elected associations managing other centres continued to face an unprecedented challenge to their operations and to their very existence.

In late 2012, the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation had issued what its general manager, Malcolm Bromley, termed a "non-negotiable" proposal to change radically the management of the city's community centre system. Essentially, the Park Board planned to take effective control of community centre programs and take revenues away from the community-based volunteer associations that have run the centres since their inception, roughly sixty years ago. The Park Board plan was then roundly and strenuously criticized at public meetings at various community centres in early 2013, including two meetings at Kerrisdale.

The KCCS subsequently joined with five other community centre associations – Hastings, Kensington, Killarney, Riley Park-Hillcrest and Sunset – to oppose the Park Board plan. Other community centres opted to enter formal negotiations with the Board. (These talks proceeded through 2013-2014, without coming to a resolution.)

The KCCS Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) Committee began meeting in the spring of 2013. Its basic purpose was to "secure and maintain a joint operating agreement between the KCCS and the Vancouver Park Board that furthers the goals of the Society and best serves the Kerrisdale community." The committee's specific objectives can be summarized as follows:

1. to monitor JOA developments and review JOAs between other community centre societies and the Park Board;
2. to liaise with other community centres with respect to the JOAs;
3. to discuss and draft proposed changes to the existing Kerrisdale JOAs; and
4. to recommend to the KCCS Board changes and revisions to the JOA aimed at serving the interests of the Kerrisdale community and furthering the partnership between the KCCS and the Park Board.

The committee initially focused on the first three objectives, examining particularly the current Kerrisdale JOA (from 1979); the more recent (2007) West End Community Centre JOA, and amendments proposed and discussed over the past decade. Committee members met often with representatives of other centres and had numerous discussions, many of them under the auspices of the "G6" – the group of six centres now involved in the ongoing court case.

## **Legal Action against Park Board Actions**

After the Park Board unveiled its "OneCard" for use at city recreation facilities in June 2013 (which essentially incorporated two existing passes previously used at city pools and rinks), the Board then announced that the new card would apply to all community centre association-run programs, would replace existing centre memberships and would come into effect city-wide as

of September 1, regardless of the views of individual centres. For the KCCS and other associations, this plan was a renewed threat to their roles and responsibilities. The Park Board was in effect planning to use the OneCard to give itself control over centre decision-making and over the collection of centre revenues.

The G6 expressed concerns that this plan would lead to the demise of the local, volunteer associations and of Vancouver's system of community-run centres. They filed a joint law suit in BC Supreme Court in August 2013 against the Park Board. The associations sought injunctive relief from imposition of the OneCard and potential damages for longstanding alleged violations of their JOAs. Days after they filed this suit, the Park Board announced it would terminate the JOAs of all six associations as of December 31, 2013 and would evict them from their centres.

### **Court Processes, Fall 2013**

The six associations appeared in court four times, in September, October, November and December 2013. Individuals from the KCCS and from other centre associations submitted numerous legal affidavits to support these court proceedings. KCCS JOA Committee members Don Munton and Robert Lockhart both prepared personal affidavits and assisted other G6 members in drafting their affidavits while other Committee members did their own affidavits.

A two-day hearing in mid-September focused on the centres' application for an injunction against the imposition of the OneCard. Counsel for the centres argued the OneCard was a violation of the existing JOAs the associations have with the Park Board and would greatly damage the community centre associations, particularly through the loss of their memberships.

After the G6 filed their joint law suit, but just prior to the September court hearing, the Park Board quietly dropped its demand that the six associations accept the OneCard by September 1. The Court eventually turned down the G6 application for an immediate injunction, basically on the grounds that the Board was no longer forcing the centres to accept the OneCard. The court also agreed to hear the other aspects of the G6 suit.

Through late September and early October 2013, the Park Board began taking various actions toward assuming effective control of community centre programs and decision-making in advance of its own December 31 deadline and in advance of any court hearing on the G6 suit. The centre associations went back to court in October seeking an injunction against these actions. The Park Board objected and argued for a delay in any court order. The Court ordered the Board to refrain from taking actions toward terminating the six associations in advance of a court decision on the G6 law suit. The Park Board was allowed to continue making internal preparations for a possible change in management of the six centres.

The City went back to Supreme Court in November seeking to have the October order lifted. City lawyers, who had argued for a delay in October, now argued that time was short. They insisted the Park Board needed to expedite the transition process in order to meet its 31 December deadline. The Court rejected this application outright and refused to lift the October order. The Court also allowed counsel for the six associations to pursue cross-examination of Park Board officials who provided affidavits for the ongoing case. Cross-examinations continued through late November.

The two parties met again in Supreme Court in mid-December for a weeklong hearing. The six associations were seeking to prevent the Park Board from terminating their JOAs. Counsel for the associations argued that the Park Board's termination notice was invalid for a number of

reasons. It was explicitly a response to the filing of the original law suit by the six associations, it was issued without cause, and it showed bad faith. G6 counsel also argued that termination could do irreparable harm to the associations. Moreover, the centre associations and the Park Board had enjoyed an extended history of cooperation, and the associations had over the years made significant financial contributions to their centres in capital investments and equipment. This historical relationship goes beyond the existing JOAs, G6 counsel said, and represents a partnership or “licence.” The Park Board cannot end this licence unilaterally without due cause, and had shown none.

### **Court Outcome**

The following month, the judge for the December hearing granted fully the injunction requested by the six associations. In essence, the Park Board could not assume control of the six community centres and their associations could not be evicted. Counsel for the Park Board had stated in court in December that, if an injunction against termination were granted, the Park Board would then take no further action, and would leave matters to be determined by an eventual trial on the original law suit. That trial has not yet taken place.

Thus, to summarize the legal process, the G6 request for an injunction specifically against the OneCard resulted in the Park Board withdrawing its demand that all community centres implement the card as of September 2013. The OneCard is still only being used for Park Board-run pool and rink purposes. Subsequently, the G6 won three consecutive court decisions in Supreme Court.

The January 2014 court decision stopped the Park Board’s takeover plans but did not resolve the overall conflict. It basically returned the situation to the status quo before the Park Board announced it would evict the community centre associations. In the meantime, the KCCS and the other five associations involved in the law suit have continued to co-manage their centres, to hire instructors, and to plan and offer programs to their members.

### **Talks with the City and Park Board**

Kerrisdale representatives continued to meet with other community centres under the auspices of the G6 through the fall of 2013 and 2014. Don Munton from Kerrisdale served as chair of the G6 through the period under review here, and through the court hearings. One of the issues discussed by the G6 and by the KCCS Board, concerned financial assistance from wealthier G6 members for the group members that have substantially fewer resources to cover a prolonged legal case. This issue has not been resolved by the G6. Another issue debated within the G6, and discussed by the KCCS Board, focused essentially on the question of whether the associations should accept the basic structure of the existing JOAs and only seek specific amendments to their existing agreements, or they should seek a fundamentally different JOA providing them a more independent role in managing their centres, along the lines of the agreements currently in place for the Britannia Community Centre and the Collingwood Neighbourhood House.

An attempt was made in July by the presidents of two G6 centres to explore negotiations with the Park Board. Although this initiative was not originally a G6 joint effort, representatives of five of the six eventually met with the city manager and the Park Board general manager. The session was ultimately not fruitful. The G6 concluded that the Park Board had not moved significantly from its original takeover proposal. Further mediated talks were held in November, just prior to the municipal election. (The JOA Committee, *per se*, was not involved in either set of talks, and these talks lie outside the time period of this report.)



Depending on the state of play with the city, the KCCS JOA Committee may resume its activities in 2015. It continues to seek a new operating agreement with the Park Board that will best serve Kerrisdale, all city community centres, and the citizens of Vancouver.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Munton, Chair

January 2015

# RECREATION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

## 2013 – 2014

The fall of 2013 began with some challenges around the legal proceedings between the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society and the Vancouver Park Board. Despite the litigation, our complex had a very busy and productive year. We continued to provide the best service we could to the community.

A large staff in-service was held which gave us the opportunity to meet requirements around Occupational Health and Safety training.

Kerrisdale Community Centre became a zero waste facility. Throughout the facility you will notice a number of streaming bins that our garbage is sorted into. This is to support the City of Vancouver goal of being the greenest city by 2020.

From an HR perspective, we welcomed Andy Teoh to our pool and shortly later lost him to a permanent position at Kensington. We hired a new cook helper in the senior's kitchen. Diane Murphy, the recreation manager for our area, retired and was replaced by Daisy Chin.

An employee engagement survey was conducted and the areas of focus for the upcoming years will target the following: Development opportunities and training; confidence in leadership and a clear and promising direction.

In the early part of 2014 many of the seniors and some of the staff had the chance to try out their skill at being extras. Scenes from the Night at the Museum 3 were filmed in our seniors centre. Mickey Rooney, Dick Van Dyke and some "young" actor named Ben Stiller made an appearance.

The Kerrisdale branch of the public library had two very successful viewings of the movie Frozen at our centre.

The summer brought great weather, which made Maple Grove Pool very busy.

The next part of the year, park board staff spent time developing outcome based budgets for 2015.

Finally I would like to thank the staff and volunteers whose hard work makes our centre one of the most successful in the city.

I also want to thank the society and its members for all the support, time and energy they offer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Mele

January 2015

# **CENTRE PROGRAMMERS' REPORT**

## **2013 – 2014**

This has been a very busy and eventful year in the community centre full of special projects and new programs and events. We were so pleased to hear that the readers of the Vancouver Courier again voted Kerrisdale Community Centre as one of the Stars of Vancouver!

This year, there was some change in staffing at the main centre. Kristi Douglas remained the Programmer II responsible for preschool, children and youth programs and Jessica Yee was seconded to the elections office in April. Erik Price acted in her role as the Programmer II responsible for adult programs, martial arts and the exercise room. Erik Price continued with the Program Assistant III responsibilities until Maggie Vasicek was hired in August to work on: special events, volunteers, the birthday party/mini play palace program and assisting Programmers with general tasks.

The Fall 2013 season was very busy with many special events around the Centre such as: our annual Halloween Carnival, Breakfast with Santa, Winter Break Daycamps, as well as other seasonal programs. These events were well attended and we look forward to offering more family-friendly events in the coming year for our patrons.

In September of 2013 and May of 2014, we held two Zumba Parties. The September event was held at the Kerrisdale Arena and the May one was a family Zumba party and was held in the Kerrisdale gym. We had two hours of non-stop Zumba fun with four different instructors teaching fifteen minutes at a time. The events were a big hit. We had between 70-100 people at each event.

In November, we held the first ever Sports Day in Canada event at Kerrisdale Community Centre. This is a national event that is now held at the end of November each year across the country. We offered a free, family event where individuals could try out different sports such as pickleball, speedminton, dodgeball, floor hockey, indoor curling and basketball. There was also refreshments, a face-painter and craft station. It was a great success with over 50 families attending.

In February we reactivated our Community Living Room program from 2010 and opened up the Games Room to community members to watch the Sochi 2014 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The community centre was decorated with Vancouver 2010 memorabilia and allowed our patrons to relive the excitement of the 2010 Games!

The Exercise Room and Core and Stretch Room continued to be well utilized this year. The exercise room budget had been decreased, therefore only one piece of equipment was bought. An Adaptive Motion Trainer (AMT) was purchased and is in high demand. Our personal trainer team has been busy as well, with a large number of ongoing clients as well as requests from new ones.

This year we continued to expand our course offerings and added a variety of new programs for all age groups including:

Preschool/Children/Youth: Fairy Magic, Active Start Sports Skills, ESL Drama Fun, Homework Club, Pro-D Daycamps, Violin lessons, Saturday Art Play, Painting & Drawing, Princess Playtime, Little Engineers, Little Explorers, yoga and core for teens as well as more timeslots for popular programs such as pottery, ballet and floor hockey. The new Youth Committee established in the Fall assisted in brainstorming new ideas in the Youth program area that we look forward to working on in the coming year.

Adults: expansion of Zumba toning (now 6 various Zumba classes a week), new adult art classes (painting the abstract, castles churches and cobblestones in watercolour), Polynesian Holiday Spectacular

In the summer of 2014, we received the Canada Summer Jobs Grant and were pleased to receive funding towards nine of our ten daycamp staff. Aileen Neale returned as the Summer Safaris Daycamp Manager and oversaw two successful camps: Summer Safaris for 6-10 years and Youth Camp for 11-16 years. Campers went on out-trips to various venues around the Lower Mainland and participated in crafts, games, swimming and other activities each day. The camp season was a great hit with the kids and their parents which was demonstrated in the overwhelming attendance each week! Success was also due to one day camps held in June during the teacher's strike that helped to market the summer camp programs.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors and the members of the Program Committee for their ongoing support throughout this busy year. We would also like to thank the staff, volunteers and hundreds of dedicated instructors, who continue to make Kerrisdale one of the most exceptional community centres in Vancouver.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristi Douglas & Erik Price  
Recreation Programmers

January 2015



**2014 SUMMER SAFARI & YOUTH ADVENTURE CAMPS: Staff, Volunteers & Kids!**

# **KERRISDALE ARENA PROGRAMMER'S REPORT**

## **2013 – 2014**

### **ICE RINK**

In Fall 2013, start dates for public skates and skate lessons at Kerrisdale Arena and four other rinks were scheduled in October. This decision was based on public session attendance and lesson registrations in September showing a declining trend at a number of rinks in the city. The month of October tends to be the period attendance begins to increase, likely due to colder weather and families' schedules have stabilized.

Fall 2013 skate lesson registration had 458 enrolled out of 555 places and Winter 2014 had 471 enrolled out of 549 places.

The Kerrisdale Business Association once again sponsored the Halloween 2013, Christmas Holiday 2013 and Spring Break 2014 Free Skates. All sessions are well attended with approximately 100 participants. The KBA generously pays all expenses for these sessions as well as provides free cookies, compliments of Moore's Bakery.

### **DRY FLOOR**

Kerrisdale Arena hosts many dry floor events throughout the year. This year the Terminal City Roller Girls Event returned to Kerrisdale Arena in April after a one-year absence. The rink maintenance staff worked very hard to make the event happen by quickly removing the ice and ensuring the floor was safe within a short turnaround time. The Antiques Fair is held two weekends per year at the Arena. As usual, these popular events are well attended. Lastly, kids and parents attending the Kerrisdale Days parade on April 26<sup>th</sup> were provided with promotional \$2 drop in admission handbills. The purpose was to invite parade goers the experience of our indoor playground and learn more about the birthday party options.

We were able to operate the large inflatables for their fourth and final season. The quality and state of the four pieces have met their life expectancy and so the plan is to purchase four new inflatables for the 2015 season. At the time of this report, approval to purchase inflatables and other equipment was imminent.

Below are events the Kerrisdale Arena dry floor hosted in 2013/2014:

September 6, 2013, Kerrisdale Fitness Zumba Party  
April 5, 2014, Terminal City Roller Girls Event  
April 11-13, 2014, Antiques Fair  
April 14, 2014, Kerrisdale Play Palace season begins  
April 26, Kerrisdale Days parade starting location  
May 25, Shaughnessy 8K Run/ 5K Walk  
August 29-31, Antiques Fair

Respectfully submitted,  
Grant Matsuda  
Recreation Programmer, Regional Rinks

January 2015

# KERRISDALE POOL REPORT

2013 – 2014

## STAFFING

Lauren Schubert, one of the regular part-time Swimming Instructor Attendant, will resign from her position as of December 19, 2014, to establish herself as a personal trainer. Lauren will still be working with us on an auxiliary basis.

Marie Beesley, the fulltime Swimming Instructor Attendant from Hillcrest Aquatic Centre, will be transferred to Kerrisdale Pool as of December 12, 2014. Marie has over 25 years of experience in aquatics and customer service and we are confident that she will be a beneficial addition to our staff team.

## STAFF TRAINING

We held three staff training sessions in September 2014, January and June 2015 focusing on swimming lesson delivery and social diversity.

## PROGRAMS

Swimming lessons continue to be a popular program at Kerrisdale Pool as well as the Aquafit. Special events held are Valentine's Tea, Music in the Park, Maple Grove Day, Summer-End Customer Appreciation Tea and Christmas Potluck. The social events were well attended. We cancelled our public swim events after Spring Fling since customers were drawn to the amenities at Hillcrest Pool. We held a few Wibit events.

## MAINTENANCE

Our annual maintenance was from August 25<sup>th</sup> to September 14<sup>th</sup>. The following is a list of the maintenance work done during the shutdown:

- 1) Electrical: general sweep and re-energize outlets in the women's change room)
- 2) Plumbing: replace defective shower actuator push buttons
- 3) Structure: repair and re-grout tiles all over
- 4) Carpentry: general sweep of door hardware
- 5) Painting: repaint pool tank and lane liners, deck markings, men's change room entrance door; hardware replaced
- 6) A more energy efficient exhausted fan was installed.

## EQUIPMENT

We are very appreciative of the Boards generous support of the pool. The Board funds our special events, staff training costs and equipment needs. Specifically, we were able to purchase seasonal decorations, an aquafit mat, water buoyancy belts, and personal floatation devices

## MAPLE GROVE POOL

The attendance this year was 35,073 in total, which increased by approximately 5000 from last year. The weather in late June was initially cool but the month of July was consistently hot and sunny, which in turn brought many patrons to use both the facility and concession. The weather cooled down during August, which resulted in a mix of busy and quiet days, but it was a very successful summer at Maple Grove.

Maple Grove day was a success and the weather played a major factor on attendance this year. Because it was the first sunny Maple Grove Day in 3 years, over 300 patrons came out for the event. Eight youth volunteers from the neighbourhood worked for five hours. They provided balloon animals, face painting scavenger hunts that was appreciated by the crowd and once again the cotton candy was a big success. The local fire detachment also came with their fire truck and we saw many excited young children get the opportunity to sit in the truck and interact with the firefighters! The Kerrisdale Community Centre Society sponsored a band to play live music, which was enjoyed by everyone.

A big thank-you to the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society for sponsoring this event and to Brian Scherb for organizing the event, Tony Wong for providing the supplies, and Erik Price for organizing the volunteers.

All of the Music at the Park performances went ahead as scheduled. The additional banners were helpful as attendance increased over the weeks and by the last two performances, there were close to 100 people and families that came to the park specifically to listen to the bands. We had many of the same performers who requested to come back because they enjoyed performing at the park; we also had a new performer this year that was well received. The musical styles varied from jazz, to acoustic music.

Each year, the following recommendations are put forward:

- a. Plant new shade trees so they are mature by the time the current ones need to be taken down.
- b. Install a sprinkler system for the grass. One of the major features to Maple Grove is the park like seating on the grass. A plan for maintenance needs to be addressed.
- c. Plan for new washrooms, change rooms, and entrance. The current set-up is not designed for the number of people who use the facility. People often comment that the facilities are a reason they do not like going to Maple Grove.

## **CONCLUSION**

We would like to thank the Board for their ongoing and continued support. We would like to thank the pool committee for their commitment and effort in making the pool an integral part of the Community Centre. Thank you to the staff team for all the support at the pool.

We have a great team of lifeguards, SIA's, front office staff and maintenance staff. And thank you to Tony Wong who continues to work above and beyond his job to keep the pool operational.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Yeh

January 2015

# SENIORS CENTRE PROGRAMMERS' REPORT

## 2013 – 2014

The seniors centre was again busy as usual. This past year we had 2760 members 55yrs and older. We continue to offer a diverse selection of courses and activities. We will highlight some of them in this report.

On our mini- bus tours we visited Whistler, the Fort Langley Cranberry Festival and the West Coast Christmas Marketplace in Abbotsford. Our "Enjoy Tours" and "Joy Brown" bus tours also went to many local places like Manning Park, Christmas in the Country and Harrison Hot Springs.

We celebrated at our 90's tea with over 80 guests in attendance. The library presented a slide show showing Vancouver "through the years". The seniors thoroughly enjoyed seeing pictures of Vancouver as it used to be!

This year at our annual Health Fair, we had 20 local agencies and businesses providing information on their services. The event was well attended and many excellent door prizes (provided by the participating businesses) were won by our seniors.

In October we hosted our annual fashion show. This event had many of our seniors modeling their own clothes and costumes to a delighted audience. Our special lunches continue to be sold out each month. A particular highlight is our Robbie Burns lunch which sells out very quickly as there is haggis on the menu and the proper "pomp and circumstance" that goes along with this great traditional meal.

Our lunch program provides a place for seniors to gather six days a week and also provides a nutritious lunch for up to 110 seniors a day. The lunch prices went up in September with most increases ranging in the 25 to 50 cent area. There was also a staff change in the kitchen. Our long time cook's helper, Leslie Bruce retired but she continues to come back and volunteer for our special lunches! Susan Atmadja was hired in late August as the new cook's helper. The kitchen also purchased a much needed convention oven with funds generously provided by the KCC Society.

We have to thank the many wonderful volunteers! The seniors centre wouldn't be as successful as it is if not for all the volunteers who spend so much time and energy here. On that note we had one of our longtime members Irene Ronnie, step down as president of the seniors council. Mary Anne Davies is the new chairperson and we look forward to working with her this year.

Thank you to all the front line and kitchen staff for another productive and great year. We would also like to thank Susan Mele for her continued support and guidance that she has provided to us this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Andrews & Jennifer Takai  
Seniors' Programmers

January 2015